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TWELFTH

ANNUAL SESSION

— of the —

Eastern Carolina Primitive Baptist Association

— held with —

WILSON CHURCH

Wilson, N. C.

October 20, 21, 22,

1950

Next session convenes with Smithwick's Creek Primitive Baptist Church, located near Williamston, North Carolina, Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in Oct., 1951

Officers

ELDER S. B. DENNY - Moderator — Wilson, N. C.

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Proceedings

OF THE TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

The Twelfth Annual Session of the Primitive Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina was held with the Wilson Primitive Baptist Church in Wilson County, Wilson, North Carolina, October 20, 21, and 22, 1950.

Worship began at eleven o'clock Friday.

Elder P. E. Getsinger opened the services with prayer. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder P. E. Getsinger. Text: 3rd Chapter, Paul's letter to Romans, 22nd to 24th verses.

Adjourned one hour for lunch.

Friday Afternoon—

Assembling back in the church after a song service, Elder M. M. Demming preached. Text: Cor. 2:1-14.

Adjourned to meet Saturday at ten o'clock.

Benediction.

Saturday Morning—

Saturday morning services were opened with prayer by Elder C. W. Miller. Elder J. W. Dempsey preached the first text: "My grace is sufficient for thee; followed by Elder F. R. Moore, who preached from 2 Peter 9th and 10th verses. Third to preach was Elder Charles W. Alderton, text, Matt. 12:18-21.

Adjourned one hour for lunch.

Saturday Afternoon—

Assembled back in the church and Elder F. E. Thompson opened conference with prayer.

1. On motion: Elder S. B. Denny was chosen Moderator and Asa J. Hardison, Clerk, and Sister Nettie R. Pearce, Assistant Clerk.

2. On motion: Called for letters and messengers from our association. Fremont Church, Bro. I. G. Davis, W. E. Hooks, and Sister Nettie R. Pearce; Great Swamp Church, Bro. Henry Brown, Sister Hattie Cozart, and Sister Lee West; Juniper Church, Bro. B. J. Wood, Bro. Darius Wood, and Bro. D. B. Dodd; Rose Bay Church, Sister Melissa Carawan, Sister Violet O'Neal, and Bro. W. D. Daniel; Smithwick's Creek Church, Bro. Lewis H. Robertson, Bro. Walter A. Manning, and Bro. Jordan G. Peel, and Bro. Heman U. Peel, Alternate; Wilson Church, Bro. Ernest Thomas, Bro. J. H. Williamson, and Bro. J. F. Batts; Cleveland Church, Bro. Joseph F. Matthews and Bro. Joshua L. Johnson.

3. On motion: Visiting brethren and sisters were invited to seats with us and the following were recognized and seated: Ketocton Association—Elder C. W. Miller, Box 86, Rosslyn Station, Arlington, Va.; Hopewell Church, Va.—Elder C. W. Miller, pastor; Salem Church—East Marshall St. and 25th St., Richmond 23, Va. Elder C. W. Miller, pastor; Elder and Sister Charles W. Alderton, 8802 Manchester Rd., Apt. 8, Silver Springs, Maryland; Sister Elizabeth Biggs, 116

W. Marshall St., Falls Church, Va.; Bro. and Sister D. Herbert Rollings, 125 N. Washington St., Falls Church, Va.; Sister Hilda C. Brown, Marshall, Va.; Sister Myrtle Bland, Woodbridge, Va.; Sister Dewey Sheaver, Woodbridge, Va.; Sister W. G. Fletcher and Alecia, Strasburg, Va., Rt. 2; Upper Mayo Association, Elder F. R. Moore, Rt. 2, High Point, N. C.; Elder and Sister Carl T. Mabe, Clear Spring Church Lawsonville, N. C.; Sister W. P. Duncan, London Bridge, Va.; Bro. and Sister W. J. Hand, Little Flock Church, Sister G. R. Reams, 4607 Stockton St., Richmond, Va., Little Flock Church, Amelia, Va.; Sister Naomie Faron, Amelia, Va., Little Flock Church; Ebenezer Association—Bro. and Sister S. B. Hoover, Harrisburg, Va., Mill Creek Church; Sister James Pearson, Warrenton, Va.; Silver Creek Association—Elder L. L. Huffman, Rt. 4, Box 112, W. Ashville, N. C.; Flint River Association—Sister J. D. Smith, Huntsville, Ala.; Marietta Association—Elder J. W. Dempsey, No. 30 St. Charles St., Dalton Ga.; Sequatchie Valley and W. Collins River Association—Bro. D. M. Raulston, Clerk 3214 Campbell W., Chattanooga, Tenn., and Sister D. M. Raulston; Kehukee Association—Bro. C. W. Vass, 1901 Parker Ave., Portsmouth, Va.; Sister L. J. Adkins, Littleton, N. C.; Sister J. R. Dickens, Littleton, N. C.; Sister Sylvester T. McNider, Portsmouth, Va., Member Whitakers, N. C., Hopeland Church; Elder and Sister F. E. Thompson, Bell Air, Maryland; Elder Bernie O. Leonard, Rt. 1, Kernersville, N. C., Saints Delight Church; Elder and Sister C. E. Benson, Justus Church, Clark's Summit, Pa.; Cammal Church, Cammal Pa., Otega Church, Otego N. Y., Ingleside Church, Naples, N. Y.; Bro. and Sister Paul E. Crossan, 663 Smily Ave., Bethlehem, Pa.; Bro. and Sister Maurice A. Fraizer, Cow Marsh Church, Dover, Delaware; Sister Bertha M. Frasher, Middleton, Delaware; Sister Emily F. Hands, Middleton, Del.; Bro. T. R. Benson, Cow Marsh Church, Winton, Md.; Bro. and Sister George G. Fouraker, 3405, Jefferson St., Wilmington, Del.; Bro. Amos D. Benson, Wilmington Church, Montchanin, Del., Bro. and Sister Clifford M. Cubbage, Cow Marsh Church, Rehoboth, Del.; Bro. W. C. Johnson, Saints Delight Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Bro. and Sister Allen Smith and Ann Smith, Saints Delight Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Bro. and Sister Lester Davis, Saints Delight Church, High Point, N. C.; Bro. and Sister J. Clay Idol, Saints' Delight Church, Rt. 1, Box 424, Kernersville, N. C.; Sister D. B. Mitchell, 1844 Columbia Road, N. W. Washington, D. C.; Sister Maye Irwin, Bel Air, Maryland; Sister Mamie Raulston, Sequatchie Valley Association, Chattanooga Tenn., 1911 Hixson Pike; Bro. and Sister John Ashley, Leatherwood Church, Rt. 1, Marshall, Va.; Bro. and Sister Wilbur Cooper, 2313 W. 16th St., Wilmington, Del.; Sister A. E. Lain, 703 Fillmore St., Corinth Miss.; Sister Grizzie Coats, Mill St., Smithfield, N. C. Bro. and Sister G. D. Moore, Leatherwood Church 1020, Chatham Hts., Martinsville, Va.; Bro. and Sister John H. Wilson, Rt. 2, Axton, Va., Church St. Primitive Baptist, Martinsville, Va.; Bro. John L. Wilson, Rt. 1, Axton, Va., Sugartree Church; Sister A. C. Allen, Elm City, N. C., Uppertown Creek; Bro. and Sister Henry C. White, 1538 Wanorck Rd., Hilton Village; Bro. D. H. Melton, Efield Falls, Tar River, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Bro. William Lewis, Wake Forest, N. C.; Bro. and Sister Sam Mitchell, Hopewell, Va.; Bro. and Sister Eric Marshall, Jr., 1921 Ellison Rd., Columbia, S. C.; Mill Creek Church, Luray, Va.; Sister J. W. Baily, Kenly, N. C., Beaulah Church; Bro. and Sister George Lewis, Waverly, Pa.; Sister Fred Teague, Abbott's Creek Church Association, High Point, N. C., 1715 W. Main St.; Sister Pearl Lynch, 104 Hull Ave., Olyphant, Pa.; Sister Letha Stricklen, Luray, Va., Mill Creek Church.; Bro. and Sister Gady Whitaker and William Earl, Rt. 2, Box 79, Richmond, Va.; Bro. and Sister F. M.

Irwin, Bel Air, Maryland.

4. On motion: Called for petitionary letters. Cleveland Church asked to be admitted to the association and was received in sweet fellowship.

5. On motion: Called our messengers to visit corresponding associations. Upper Mayo—Bro. W. D. Daniel, Bro. J. F. Batts, and Elder S. B. Denny; Ketocton, Bro. W. D. Daniel, Elder P. E. Getsinger, and Elder J. B. Lee.

6. On motion: The next sitting of this association will be held with Smithwick's Creek Primitive Baptist Church the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1951, near Williamston, North Carolina.

7. On motion: The fifth Sunday meetings this coming April will be held in the Rose Bay Church in Hyde County. No union in July. September at Fremont Church at Fremont, Wayne County, N. C. December, Juniper Church near Four Oaks, Johnson County, N. C.

8. On motion: Appointed a committee for the arrangement of preaching, Elder S. B. Denny, Bro. J. F. Batts, and Bro. Ernest Thomas.

9. On motion. Appointed a finance committee: Bro. Joseph F. Matthews, Bro. I. G. Davis and Bro. J. F. Batts.

10. On motion: Meet tomorrow at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

11. On motion: The clerk was instructed to transcribe the minutes of the Association together with the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum and have printed five hundred copies for distribution.

12. On motion: Agreed that Conference adjourn with prayer by Elder S. B. Denny. Elder Carl Mabe was invited to the stand to preach. Failed to get text. Elder J. B. Lee was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at 1951 association. Closed with prayer by Elder C. W. Miller.

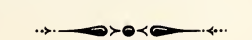
Saturday Night—

Elder L. L. Huffman preached, text: John 1:1. Elder Bernie O. Leonard had no special text. Followed by Elder S. B. Denny. Text, Heb. 11:

Sunday Morning—

After songs of praise, services were opened with prayer by Elder F. E. Thompson. Elder C. W. Miller preached first, text: Romans 15:14. He was followed by Elder C. E. Benson, who preached from Rom. 8. Next was Elder F. E. Thompson who preached from Jer. 16:16.

Benediction was by Elder S. B. Denny.



ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder J. B. Lee, Rt. 3, Four Oaks, N. C.
Elder S. B. Denny, Wilson, N. C.
Elder P. E. Getsinger, Rt. 1, Jamesville, N. C.
Elder M. M. Denning, Cary, N. C.

Licentiates: Bro. W. D. Daniel, Jamesville, N. C.; Bro. Joseph F. Matthews, Angier, N. C.

REPORT ON FINANCES

Received from the churches:		
Fremont	$15.00	
Great Swamp	10.00	
Juniper	20.00	
Rose Bay	10.00	
Smithwick's Creek	25.00	
Wilson	25.00	
Cleveland Church	7.00	
From all the churches		$112.00
Received from friends		242.70
From last year		
Total		$354.70
DISBURSEMENTS—		
Gave visiting ministers		$250.00
For printing and mailing minutes		40.00
Gave Elder S. B. Denny for association care		50.00
Total		$340.00
Balance on hand		$14.70

ELDER S. B. DENNY, Moderator, Wilson, N. C.
ASA J. HARDISON, Clerk, Jamesville, N. C.
SISTER NETTIE R. PEARCE, Ass't. Clerk, Fremont, N. C.

TIME OF MEETINGS

The churches, pastors, and time of meeting are as follows:

Fremont, Fremont, N. C.—Elder S. B. Denny. Third Sunday each month and Saturday. Services quarterly, March, June September, December. Yearly meeting in September.

Great Swamp, Greenville, N. C.—Elder S. B. Denny. Time of meeting, first Sunday in each month; Saturday. Services quarterly, March, June, September, December. Yearly meeting in September.

Juniper, near Four Oaks, N. C.—Elder J. B. Lee. First Sunday and Saturday before of each month. Yearly meeting in September.

Smithwick's Creek, near Williamston, N. C.—Elder P. E. Getsinger. Time of meeting, fourth Saturday and Sunday before of each month. Yearly meeting in August.

Wilson, Wilson, N. C.—Elder S. B. Denny. Second Saturday and Sunday of each month. Yearly meeting in August.

Rose Bay, near Swanquarter, N. C.—Elder P. E. Getsinger. Second Saturday and Sunday of each month. Yearly meeting in September.

New Hickory Grove (an arm of Juniper)—Elder J. B. Lee. Second Sunday of each month.

Cleveland Church—Elder M. M. Denning. Third Saturday and Sunday of each month.

It is the desire of this body to express its sincere thanks to our merciful Heavenly Father for favorinng us with His spiritual blessings and good weather through this meeting, and to express our sincere appreciation of the cooperation of the people of the [redacted] Community during the sitting of this session of our Association and may the household of faith abound in love and sweet fellowship.

ELDER S. B. DENNY, Moderator, Wilson, N. C.
ASA J. HARDISON, Clerk, Jamesville, N. C.
SISTER NETTIE R. PEARCE, Ass't. Clerk, Fremont, N. C.

CONSTITUTION

We, the subscribing Primitive Baptist Churches of Eastern North Carolina, who have been regularly baptised on a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and who have become convinced of the necessity of a frequent combination of Churches; and in order to discharge the duty of watching over each other as Christ has commanded; do hereby propose to observe and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan and form of government.

1. Our Association, when it has convened shall be governed by regular and proper Rules of Decorum, and every member Church shall subscribe without exception to the Constitution and to the Primitive Baptist Articles of Faith. 1st Cor. 14:40; Rom. 1:16-17.

2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the Primitive Baptist Association, providing for themselves a Moderator and Clerk, who shall serve them during the session: using the pastor of the church where said Association assembles, if he is present, and a member of this Association, if not present, the power to appoint a Moderator shall be in the delegates of the church entertaining the Association.

3. Each and every Church in our Association shall be entitled to representation, but no Church shall have a right to more than three messengers to the Association until she shall exceed one hundred members, and then she shall have a right to an additional messenger for every fifty after the first hundred. Rom. 12:10.

4. These messengers shall be entitled to seats in our Association after producing letters certifying their qualified appointment. Nahum 2:1

5. The members of our Association thus convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the Church, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any Church in the Association; for these rules are intended solely for preserving order in the House of God and for governing the members of this Association while assembled in the Conference. 1st Peter 5:3-5.

6. The Conference shall be composed of the members of our Association, together with any members of sister Primitive Baptist Churches, Association, and Unions that are present in fellowship and have liberty to seats with us. Hassell's History, page 696.

7. A new Church desiring to be admitted to our Association may do so by making application with letter and messengers; and if she be found upon examination to have been constituted by an orthodox Presbytery and to merit the fellowship of orderly sister churches, she shall be received into the Association, which shall be made manifest by the Moderator extending to her messengers the right hand of fellowship. 1st John 1:3.

8. Likewise, it shall be a privilege of our Association to admit as assistants any orderly Primitive Baptist minister who may be present. 1st Tim. 6:1-2.

9. The members of our Association, after having been properly delegated and convened, shall compose and be denominated, The Primitive Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina.

10. The names of the several members of our Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and shall be called over distinctly as often as may be required, a significant mark being placed by the names of all those absent. Hassell's History, page 696-701.

11. A faithful record of all transactions of our Association shall be kept by the Clerk, who shall be compensated for his services, and before the Meeting adjourns, this record shall be read distinctly and corrected, if need be, and shall be signed by the Moderator and the Clerk. Hassell's History, page 697.

12. Our Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches with minutes of the Annual Conference meetings, which the Lord willing, will be held 4th Sunday and Saturday before in October of each year.

13. It shall be the duty of each Chuhch in our Association to contribute once a year voluntarily such sums as she shall think proper for defraying the expenses of the Association, and these sums shall be brought by the hands of the respective messengers and deposited into the hands of the Clerk of the Association who shall be held accountable for all moneys received by him and shall disburse the same according to the direction of Association. Col. 4:1.

14. A door shall be opened, when thought necessary, for the admission of new members into fellowship, subject to the approval of their home Church, but none shall be admitted except by the unanimous consent, and who shall first relate verbally his experience, or give an account of the work of God on his soul; and, secondly, if the Church requires it, shall state his faith and principles; and, thirdly, the Church shall make diligent inquiry respecting his moral conduct, and when full satisfaction has been obtained, the Moderator, Pastor, or Deacons shall manifest the same by giving him the right hand of fellowship, thereby receiving him in regular form. Hassell's History, page 696.

15. When requested to do so in regular Conference, our Association shall give any Church or Churches the best possible advice in matters of difficulty, provided that the question is not of a discipinary character requiring local adjustment and has been debated already in the Church sending it. Heb. 12:14, 15.

16. Our Association shall inquire into the cause why any member Church has failed at any time to keep the communion with her sister Churches or to represent herself in the Association, and shall make every endeavor to remove the difficulty and to reconcile them together again. Hebrews 13:7; Jam. 5:16; 2nd Cor. 5:18.

17. Our Association shall withdraw, only after full Gospel steps toward agreement have been taken, from any church or churches which have violated the rules of the Association, deviated from the sound orthodox principles of religion, or become immoral in practice. Acts.

18. The Constitution, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum shall be amended whenever a majority of our Association may deem it ncessary. Hassell's History, page 697.

19. Our Association shall adjourn at any time to meet at future time or place which may be most convenient to the various Churches represented.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Preamble. For as much as God hath been graciously pleased to make known unto us His revealed will, His word of truth, the great

privilege of the blessed Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and hath made us experience His love and favor in that He hath called us from our state of nature in which state we were enemies to God by wicked works, and hath revealed to us through Christ the hope of glory; Therefore, for the better carrying out of our mutual comfort the advancement of the great privilege of true religion to the glory of God, and the praise of His glorious grace; we whose names are hereunto subscribed do make and publish the following profession of faith:

1. We believe in the Being of God, as almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power justice, holiness, goodness, mercy, and truth and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the characters of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19; St. John 1:1.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the church of men by His Divine Spirit, which we believe to be of divine authority, and containing all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women; the same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments. John 5:39; 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

3. We believe that God, before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life; and that this election is particular, eternal, and unconditional on the creature's part. St. John 15:16; Rom. 9:11; 1 Pet. 1:2; St. John 10:27,28,29.

4. We believe that when God made man at first he was pure, upright, created in the image of his Maker; but liable to fall; that he stood as a federal head or representative of all his natural offspring.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of power of men as fallen creatures to keep the law of God perfectly, repent of their sins truly, or believe in Christ, except they be drawn in faith by the Holy Spirit. John 6:44; Eph. 2:8,9,10.

6. We believe that in God's appointed time and way, by the effectual working of His Holy Spirit, and the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, the elect shall be called, converted, justified, pardoned, sanctified and born again; and that it is impossible they can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the overtures of mercy and shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away. Rom. 6:14, 23, 24. Rom. 5:11.

7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment. 1 Cor. 15.

8. We believe that the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and that the joys of the righteous are eternal. Matt. 26:46.

9. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in good works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love. James 2:18.

10. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances belonging to the converted or true believers; that persons who were sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's word; and that such ought to be baptised by immersion after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ. 1st John 13; Mark 1:9.

11. We believe that the washing of feet in connection with the

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is an example of Jesus Christ, but that its observance is rather a matter of preference than a Gospel requirement on the part of the individual person or church. John 13:4-5.

12. We believe that no Minister has a right to the administration of the Holy Ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

13. We believe that we are required by the gospel to praise God vocally with the singing of psalms and hymns. Heb. 13:15.

14. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful servants who have found fellowship with each other and have agreed to observe a Christian discipline agreeable to the rules of the Gospel; and that it is a duty incumbent on every heaven-born soul to be baptised on a public profession of his experience and to become a regular member of this visible Church. Acts 22:16.

15. We believe that every Church is independent in matters of internal discipline; and that Associations, Councils, and Conferences of several Ministers or Churches are not to impose on the respective Churches the keeping, holding, or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to their individual judgment, but only to set and act as an advisory council. 1st Cor. 11:3; Col. 1:16,17.

16. Lastly, we believe that, for the mutual comfort, union, and satisfaction of the various Churches of the Primitive Baptist faith and order, we ought to meet in an association way, wherein each Church shall represent her case by her delegates and attend as often as is necessary to advise with the sister Churches in conference; and the decision of matters in such a Correspondence not be imposed, or in any wise binding on any Church without her consent. Acts 15:25; Heb. 10:24,25.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. Our Associational Meetings and Conferences shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator or any person upon whom he may call.

2. No member desiring to speak shall do so without rising from his seat and addressing the one chosen to preside under the appellation of Brother Moderator; nor shall a member of our Association address another by any term other than that of Brother.

3. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without obtaining leave of Conference.

4. He shall adhere strictly to the subject and in no wise reflect upon the preceding speaker by making remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections; but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or ideas.

5. Only the Moderator shall prohibit a member from expressing himself; or shall interrupt him before he is done with speaking; but this shall be a disorder unless the member has broken the Rules of Decorum.

6. If he please, the Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided that the chair be filled, and he shall be the last person to speak on the matter under discussion before he puts it to a vote.

7. As it shames religion, wounds the cause of Christ, and grieves

true Christians, no member of our Association shall have the liberty to be whispering or laughing in time of public speech; and this disorder shall be magnified if he speak or act in wrath or anger, or in a threatening or degrading manner.

8. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself or herself from conference without permission from the Moderator, and it shall be a disorder for any member to refuse to attend the conference.

9. Every question presented shall be read three times, and may be withdrawn at any time by him who made it; but, before it is received, the Moderator shall take a vote, and accordingly as there is a majority for or against debating it, it shall be answered or not, provided that no intricate question be imposed or asked and that those first be considered which effect the Correspondence of the Churches.

10. Unless withdrawn by the member who made it, every motion made and seconded shall be exposed to the vote of the Conference.

11. The woman has not a right by laws of Christ to usurp authority over the man, and therefore shall not speak in the Church, except in cases of conscience, or in such particular circumstances that the nature of the thing may require it.

12. No complaint shall be brought into Conference against transgressing brethren respecting crimes of a private nature, until the aggrieved party has complied with the directions given by our Lord in Matt. 18:15-17.

13. Any member being grieved at anything done in Conference holding his or her peace and not letting the same be known until Conference rises, and afterwards speaking of the matter, shall be considered in disorder, for it manifestly tends toward confusion.

14. If the minority shall be grieved at any time at the determination of the majority, they shall make the same known immediately to the Church; and, if satisfaction cannot be obtained, it may be necessary in such case to call upon the sister Churches for help; but the minority shall give up to the majority in all cases except in the receiving of members into fellowship or to office.

15. Any member willfully and knowingly breaking any of these rules shall be reproved immediately by the Moderator on behalf of the Conference.

16. If the Moderator neglects to reprove plainly and properly any member transgressing these rules, or behave in any unseemly or irreverent manner in time of Conference, he shall be considered in discord and liable to correction at the hands of the Correspondence.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Sun. of meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution
Fremont	Bros. I. G. Davis, W. E. Hooks, Sister Nettie R. Pearce	3								$ 15.00
Great Swamp	Bro. Henry Brown, Sister Hattie Cozart, Lee West	1								10.00
Juniper	Bros. B. J. Wood, Darius Wood, D. B. Dodd	1								20.00
Rose Bay	Sisters Melissa Carawan, Violet O'Neal, and Bro. Wm. D. Daniel	2								10.00
Smithwick's Creek	Bros. Lewis H. Robertson, Walter A. Manning, Jordan G. Peel	4						1	38	25.00
Wilson	Bros. Ernest Thomas, J. H. Williamson, J. F. Batts	2								25.00
Cleveland	Bros. Joseph F. Mattthews, Joshua L. Johnson	3								7.00

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Minutes

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THIRTEENTH

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Eastern Carolina Primitive Baptist Associaton

— Held with —

SMITHWICK CREEK CHURCH

Williamston, North Carolina

October 26, 27, 28,

1951

Next session convenes with Cleveland Primitive Baptist Church, located near Smithfield, North Carolina, Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1952.

OFFICERS

ELDER P. E. GETSINGER - Moderator, Jamesville, N. C.
ASA J. HARDISON - Clerk, Jamesville, N. C.
SISTER NETTIE BENSON - Ass't. Clerk Montchawin, Del.

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Proceedings

OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

The Thirteenth Annual Session of the Primitive Baptist Church in Martin County, North Carolina, October 26, 27, and 28, 1951.

Worship began at eleven o'clock Friday.

Elder C. W. Miller opened the services with prayer. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. B. Lee, from Rom. 1:16.

Adjourned one hour for lunch.

Friday Afternoon —

Assembling back in the Church, after a song service Elder J. Harvey Daily preached, from 1 Cor. 2:10.

Benediction by Elder J. A. Monsees.

Saturday Morning —

Services were opened with prayer by Elder C. W. Miller, who preached first from Cor. 16:1-14. Second to preach was Elder J. A. Monsees from Titus 6:11, 12.

Adjourned one hour for lunch.

Saturday Afternoon —

Meeting back in the Church, conference was opened with prayer by Elder J. Harvey Daily.

1. On motion, Elder P. E. Getsinger was chosen Moderator, Asa J. Hardison, Clerk, and Sister Nettie Benson, assistant Clerk.

2. On motion called for letters and messengers from our Association:

Fremont Church: Brother I. G. Davis, Sister Nettie Benson and Sister Iona Peacock.

Great Swamp Church: Brother Henry Brown, Sister Hattie Cozart, and Sister Claude West.

Juniper Church: Brother B. J. Wood and Brother J. B. Dodd.

Rose Bay Church: Sisters Malissa Carawan, Mary Brickhouse, and Brother Joe Bridgeman, alternate, and Sister Violet O'Neal.

Smithwick Creek Church: Brother Lewis H. Roberson, Walter A. Manning, and Brother John A. Revels.

Wilson Church: Brethren J. F. Batts and Ernest Thomas, and Sister M. G. Harrell.

Cleveland Church: Brethren J. F. Matthews, and J. L. Johnson.

3. On motion, visiting brethren and sisters were invited to seats with us. The following were recognized and seated:

Ketocton Association: Elder C. W. Miller, Box 182, Rosslyn Station, Arlington, Va.; Bethel Church in Ketocton Association in Northern Virginia: Elder W. G. Fletcher, Rt. 2, Strasburg, Va.; Waterlick Church: Sister Blanch Cornwell; Thum Run Church, Haywood, Va.: Brother and Sister O. Herman and Mary B. Alderton, Towson 4, Md.;

Columbia Church: Sister Mamie Alderton, Spencerville, Md.; Ebenezer Association: Elder and Sister J. Harvey Daily, Sperryville, Va.; Friendship Association: Elder J. A. Monsees, P. O. Box 3, Ellenwood, Ga.; Upper Mayo Association: Elder Carl Mabe, Lawsonville, N. C; Pine Ridge Church: Brother and Sister W. L. Johnson, Winston-Salem N. C.: Silver Creek Association: Elder L. L. Huffman, Mountain Home Church, Rt. 4, Box 112, W. Ashville, N. C.; Sister Mary Huffman, 311 Batavia St., East Point, Ga., Mountain Home Church, Ashville, N. C.; Wilmington Church: Elder and Sister C. E. Benson, Wilmington, Del.; Brother George W. Benson, Rt. 1, Wilmington, Del.; Cow Marsh Church: Brother Thomas R. Benson, Denton, Md.; Wilmington Church: Bro. and Sister Amos Benson, Montchawin, Del.; Upper Country Line Association: Sister T. H. Williamson; Wilmington Church: Sister Harry L. Blest, Rt. 6, W. 30th St., Wilgington, Del.; Cow Marsh Church: Brother and Sister Alonza Hands, Middletown, Del.; Falls Church, Va.: Sister Elizabeth Biggs, 116 W. Marshall St., Washington, D. C.; and Brother and Sister Benton W. Raughley, 104 S. Cleveland Ave., Colonial Heights, Wilmington, Del.; Wilmington Church: Brother and Sister George Fouraker, 3405 Jefferson St., Wilmington, Del.; Saint's Delight Church: Elder Bernie O. Leonard, Kearnersville, N. C.; Wiley E. Hester, Rt. 6. Winston-Salem, N. C.; Brother and Sister W. C. Johnson, Rt. 4, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Leatherwood Church: Brother Harvey E. Minter, 1030 Chatham Heights, Martinsville, Va.; Justus Church: Sister Pearl A. Lynch, 104 Hull Ave., Olyphant, Pa.; Wilmington Church: Sister Mary Rouse, Richlands, N. C.; Brother and Sister Cooper, 2313 W. 16th St., Winmington, Del.; Brother Hugh B. Johnson, Jr., 302 N. Goldsboro St., Wilson, Elder of First Presbyterian Church, Wilson, N. C.

4. On motion, appointed messengers to visit corresponding Associations: Ketocton: Elder J. B. Lee and Brother Noah S. Roberson.

Upper Mayo: Brother J. L. Johnson, and Brother J. F. Matthews.

5. On motion, agreed to send Minutes to adjoining Associations.

6. On motion agreed that the next Association be held at Cleveland Church in Johnston County, North Carolina, Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1952.

7. On motion, it was agreed that the fifth Sunday meetings be held at the following churches: March, Rose Bay; June, Smithwick Creek; August, Juniper; November, Wilson Church.

8. On motion, appointed a Committee for preaching: Elder J. B. Lee, Brother J. L. Johnson, and Brother Walter A. Manning.

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10. On motion, agreed to have 500 copies of these Minutes printed.

11. On motion, agreed to meet Sunday morning at 10 a. m.

12. On motion, agreed to adjourn with prayer by Elder W. G. Fletcher. Elder C. E. Benson and Elder L. L. Huffman were invited to the stand. Elder Benson preached, from 1 Cor. 1:2. Elder L. L. Huffman preached from 2 Tim. 3:16, 17. Benediction was by Elder J. A. Monsees.

Saturday Night —

Services were held at the Church. Opened with prayer by Deacon W. L. Johnson who spoke a few moments, from Rev. 15:3. Second

to preach was Elder W. G. Fletcher, from Acts 2:1-3. Third to preach was Elder Bernie O. Leonard, from Heb. 4: last verse. Services were closed with prayer.

Sunday Morning —

Services were opened with prayer. First to preach was Elder Carl T. Mabe, failed to get the text. Second to preach was Elder J. A. Monsees, from Isa. 35:8.

Adjourned one hour for lunch.

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Elder J. Harvey Daily preached from Psa. 67:11. Benediction by Elder J. A. Monsees.

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From last year	14.70
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It is the desire of this body to express its sincere thanks to our merciful heavenly Father for favoring us with His spiriual blessings and good weather through this meeting, and to express our sincere appreciation of the cooperation of the people of the Smithwick Creek community during the sitting of this session of our Association, and may the household of faith abound in love and sweet fellowship.

ELDER P. E. GETSINGER, Moderator, Jamesville, N.C.
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11. A faithful record of all transactions of our Association shall be kept by the Clerk, who shall be compensated for his services, and before the Meeting adjourns, this record shall be read distinctly and corrected, if need be, and shall be signed by the Moderator and the Clerk. Hassell's History, page 697.

12. Our Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches with minutes of the Annual Conference meetings, which the Lord willing, will be held 4th Sunday and Saturday before in October of each year.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

Preamble. For as much as God hath been graciously pleased to make known unto us His revealed will, His word of truth, the great privilege of the blessed Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and hath made us experience His love and favor in that He hath called us from our state of nature in which state we were enemies to God by wicked works, and hath revealed to us through Christ the hope of glory; Therefore, for the better carrying out of our mutual comfort the advancement of the great privilege of true religion to the glory of God, and the praise of His glorious grace; we whose names are hereunto subscribed do make and publish the following profession of faith:

1. We believe in the Being of God, as almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power justice, holiness, goodness, mercy, and truth and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the characters of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19; St. John 1:1.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the church of men by His Divine Spirit, which we believe to be of divine authority, and containing all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women; the same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments. John 5:39; 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

3. We believe that God, before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life; and that this election is particular, eternal, and unconditional on the creature's part. St. John 15:16; Rom. 9:11; 1 Pet. 1:2; St. John 10:27,28,29.

4. We believe that when God made man at first he was pure, upright, created in the image of his Maker; but liable to fall; that he stood as a federal head or representative of all his natural offspring.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of power of men as fallen creatures to keep the law of God perfectly, repent of their sins truly, or believe in Christ, except they be drawn in faith by the Holy Spirit. John 6:44; Eph. 2:8,9,10.

6. We believe that in God's appointed time and way, by the effectual working of His Holy Spirit, and the imputed righteousness of Jesus

Christ, the elect shall be called, converted, justified, pardoned, sanctified and born again; and that it is impossible they can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the overtures of mercy and shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away. Rom. 6:14, 23, 24. Rom. 5:11.

7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment. 1 Cor. 15.

8. We believe that the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and that the joys of the righteous are eternal. Matt. 26:46.

9. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in good works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love. James 2:18.

10. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances belonging to the converted or true believers; that persons who were sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's word; and that such ought to be baptised by immersion after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ. 1st John 13; Mark 1:9.

11. We believe that the washing of feet in connection with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is an example of Jesus Christ, but that its observance is rather a matter of preference than a Gospel requirement on the part of the individual person or church. John 13:4-5.

12. We believe that no Minister has a right to the administration of the Holy Ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

13. We believe that we are required by the gospel to praise God vocally with the singing of psalms and hymns. Heb. 13:15.

14. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful servants who have found fellowship with each other and have agreed to observe a Christian discipline agreeable to the rules of the Gospel; and that it is a duty incumbent on every heaven-born soul to be baptised on a public profession of his experience and to become a regular member of this visible Church. Acts 22:16.

15. We believe that every Church is independent in matters of internal discipline; and that Associations, Councils, and Conferences of several Ministers or Churches are not to impose on the respective Churches the keeping, holding, or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to their individual judgment, but only to set and act as an advisory council. 1st Cor. 11:3; Col. 1:16,17.

16. Lastly, we believe that, for the mutual comfort, union, and satisfaction of the various Churches of the Primitive Baptist faith and order, we ought to meet in an association way, wherein each Church shall represent her case by her delegates and attend as often as is necessary to advise with the sister Churches in conference; and the decision of matters in such a Correspondence not be imposed, or in any wise binding on any Church without her consent. Acts 15:25; Heb. 10:24,25.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. Our Associational Meetings and Conferences shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator or any person upon whom he may call.

2. No member desiring to speak shall do so without rising from

his seat and addressing the one chosen to preside under the appellation of Brother Moderator; nor shall a member of our Association address another by any term other than that of Brother.

3. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without obtaining leave of Conference.

4. He shall adhere strictly to the subject and in no wise reflect upon the preceding speaker by making remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections; but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or ideas.

5. Only the Moderator shall prohibit a member from expressing himself; or shall interrupt him before he is done with speaking; but this shall be a disorder unless the member has broken the Rules of Decorum.

6. If he please, the Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided that the chair be filled, and he shall be the last person to speak on the matter under discussion before he puts it to a vote.

7. As it shames religion, wounds the cause of Christ, and grieves true Christians, no member of our Association shall have the liberty to be whispering or laughing in time of public speech; and this disorder shall be magnified if he speak or act in wrath or anger, or in a threatening or degrading manner.

8. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself or herself from conference without permission from the Moderator, and it shall be a disorder for any member to refuse to attend the conference.

9. Every question presented shall be read three times, and may be withdrawn at any time by him who made it; but, before it is received, the Moderator shall take a vote, and accordingly as there is a majority for or against debating it, it shall be answered or not, provided that no intricate question be imposed or asked and that those first be considered which effect the Correspondence of the Churches.

10. Unless withdrawn by the member who made it, every motion made and seconded shall be exposed to the vote of the Conference.

11. The woman has not a right by laws of Christ to usurp authority over the man, and therefore shall not speak in the Church, except in cases of conscience, or in such particular circumstances that the nature of the thing may require it.

12. No complaint shall be brought into Conference against transgressing brethren respecting crimes of a private nature, until the aggrieved party has complied with the directions given by our Lord in Matt. 18:15-17.

13. Any member being grieved at anything done in Conference holding his or her peace and not letting the same be known until Conference rises, and afterwards speaking of the matter, shall be considered in disorder, for it manifestly tends toward confusion.

14. If the minority shall be grieved at any time at the determination of the majority, they shall make the same known immediately to the Church; and, if satisfaction cannot be obtained, it may be necessary in such case to call upon the sister Churches for help; but the minority shall give up to the majority in all cases except in the receiving of members into fellowship or to office.

15. Any member willfully and knowingly breaking any of these rules shall be reproved immediately by the Moderator on behalf of the Conference.

16. If the Moderator neglects to reprove plainly and properly any member transgressing these rules, or behave in any unseemly or irreverent manner in time of Conference, he shall be considered in discord and liable to correction at the hands of the Correspondence.

Minutes

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— Held With —

CLEVELAND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Johnston County, Smithfield, N. C.

October 24, 25, and 26.

1952

Next session convenes with Juniper Primitive Baptist Church, located near Four Oaks, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1953.

— OFFICERS —

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Proceedings

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The Fourteenth Annual Session of the Primitive Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina was held with Cleveland Primitive Baptist Church in Johnson County, North Carolina, October 24, 25, and 26, 1952.

Worship began at eleven o'clock Friday.

Elder W. L. Johnson opened the services with prayer. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder M. M. Denning, text: Heb. 13:1,2.

Adjourned one hour for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Afternoon sermon was preached by Elder W. H. Oakes, from 1 Cor. 2. Benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING

Services were opened with prayer by Elder P. E. Getsinger; Elder W. L. Johnson preached, text: Matt. 10:9,10.

Adjourned one hour for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After a song service, conference was opened with prayer by Elder Carl Mabe.

1. On motion, Elder M. M. Denning was chosen Moderator, Asa J. Hardison, Clerk, and Sister Lola Johnson, Assistant Clerk.

2. On motion, called for Messengers and letters from the churches. Fremont: Brother I. G. Davis, Sisters Iona Peacock, Permie Daniels, and Ellen Yelverton. Great Swamp Church: Brother Henry Brown, Sisters Hattie Cozart, Lee West and Bole Allen. Juniper Church: Brother David Dodd, Ben Wood, Everett Lee and Sisters Wilbur Parker and I. G. Barefoot. Rose Bay: Sisters Melissa Carawan, Violet O'Neal, and Elder W. L. Johnson. Smithwick Creek Church: Brothers Asa J. Hardison, Willie E. Revels, Noah S. Roberson and John A. Revels, alt. Wilson Church: Brothers J. F. Batts and Ernest Thomas and Sisters W. E. Harper and Maude Williams. Cleveland Church: Brothers J. L. Johnson, Lonnie Mangum and Elder J. F. Matthews.

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The Association then closed with prayer by Elder J. F. Matthews.

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WILSON	Elder S. B. Denny	Sister Bettie Richardson, Wilson..	2	5	..	..	..	2	5	27	10.00
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Worship began at eleven o'clock, Saturday.

Elder C. E. Benson opened the services with prayer. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder P. E. Getsinger, text 1 John 19:30. Followed by Elder Hilton H. Washburn, text, Gen. 9:4.

Adjourned one hour for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

After a song, conference was opened with prayer by J. Harvey Daily

1. On motion, Elder J. B. Lee was chosen Moderator, Asa J. Hardison, Clerk, and Sister Nettie Benson, Assistant Clerk.

2. On motion, called for messengers and letters from the churches:

Fremont Church: Sisters Iona Peacock, Ellen Yelverton, Nettie Benson, and Brother W. E. Hooks.

Great Swamp Church: Brother Henry Brown, Sisters Letha Brown and Hattie Cozart.

Juniper Church: Brethren Ben Wood, John Dodd.

Rose Bay Church: Elder W. L. Johnson, Sisters Violet O'Neal, Melissa Carawan and Brother J. M. Janette.

Smithwick's Creek Church: Elder P. E. Getsinger, Brethren Willie E. Revels, Asa J. Hardison, and W. A. Manning, Sr., alternate.

Wilson Church: Sisters Lizzie Webb, M. G. Harrell, Brethren J. F. Batts and Ernest Thomas.

Cleveland Church: Elders J. F. Matthews, M. M. Denning and Brother L. J. Mangum.

3. On motion, visiting brethren and sisters were invited to seats with us. The following were recognized and seated:

Ketocton Association: Elder and Sister T. E. Majors, Sister J. A. Frazier.

Ebenezer Association: Elder and Sister J. Harvey Daily, Sister James Pearson.

Upper Mayo Association: Elder W. L. Johnson, Elder and Sister Hilton H. Washburn, Brother Richard McGee.

Elder and Sister C. E. Benson, 1512 N. Jackson St., Wilmington, Del. Brother and Sister Amos Benson, Wilmington Church, Wilmington, Del. Sister Pearl A. Lynch, 104 Hull Ave., Olyphant, Pa., Brother Thomas R. Benson, North 6th St., Cow Marsh Ch., Denton, Md. Brother W. J. Barefoot, Benson, N. C. Brother C. A. Johnson, Benson, N. C. Sister R. M. Stone, Lillington, N. C. Brother and Sister William Marvin McLamb, Four Oaks, N. C. Sister John A. Cannady and daughter, Clinton, N. C. Sister W. L. West, Fremont, N. C.

4. On motion, messengers to visit associations:

Upper Mayo: Elder P. E. Getsinger and Elder S. B. Denny.

Ketocton: Elder J. B. Lee and Elder J. F. Matthews and minutes to adjoining associations.

5. On motion, the next association is to convene at Smithwick's Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Martin County, N. C., near Williamston, N. C., hard top road to the church. Two days only, fourth Satur-

day and Sunday in October, 1954.

6. On motion, union meetings. No meeting in January. Rose Bay Church in Hyde County, N. C., near Swanquarter, N. C., in May, August. No meeting. Great Swamp Church in Greenville, N. C., October.

7. On motion, committee for preaching arrangements. Brother J. B. Dodd, Elder J. F. Matthews and Asa J. Hardison.

8. On motion, appointed Finance Committee: Brother Everett Lee, Brother W. G. Hardison and Brother J. F. Batts.

9. On motion, agreed to have five hundred copies of the minutes printed.

10. On motion, agreed to meet Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

11. On motion, conference was adjourned with prayer by Elder T. E. Majors.

Elder J. Harvey Daily was invited to preach. Failed to get text. The meeting closed with prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Services were opened with prayer by Elder J. Harvey Daily. First to preach was Elder C. E. Benson, text, 1 John 3. Second, Elder T. E. Majors, failed to get text.

The Association then closed with prayer by Elder P. E. Getsinger.

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Received from the churches	$96.00
Received from friends	81.00
From last year	9.50
Total	$186.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

Given visiting ministers	$150.00
For printing and mailing	33.00
Balance on hand	3.50
Total	$186.50

It is the desire of this body to express its sincere thanks to our merciful heavenly Father for favoring us with His spiritual blessing and good weather through this meeting, and to express our sincere appreciation to the people of the Juniper Church community during the sitting of this session of our Association, and may the household of faith abound in love and sweet fellowship.

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Cleveland	Elders M. M. Denning and J. F. Matthews	Sister Lola Johnson, Angier, N. C.	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	11.00

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— of the —

Eastern Carolina

Primitive Baptist Association

— held with —

SMITHWICK'S CREEK
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Martin County, Williamston, N. C.

October 23rd and 24th,

1954

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ELDER P. E. GETSINGER - Moderator, Jamesville, N. C.
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Worship began at eleven o'clock Saturday. Elder P. E. Getsinger opened the services with prayer. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder M. M. Denning from 1st Cor. 2:1-3.

Adjourned one hour for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

After a song, conference was opened with prayer by Elder H. H. Washburn.

1. On motion Elder P. E. Getsinger was chosen Moderator, Asa J. Hardison Clerk, and Sister Nettie Benson, Assistant Clerk.

2. On motion messengers and letters from the churches:

Fremont Church: Brethren I. G. Davis, W. E. Hooks, Sisters Iona Peacock and Nettie Benson.

Great Swamp Church: Sisters Letha Brown, Hattie Cozart and Bob Allen.

Rose Bay Church: Sisters Violet O'Neal, Melissa Carawan and Elder H. H. Washburn.

Smithwick's Creek Church: Brethren W. A. Manning, Sr., John A. Revels and Asa J. Hardison.

Wilson Church: Elder S. B. Denny, Brethren Ernest Thomas, and John F. Batts, Sister M. J. Harrell.

Cleveland Church: Elder M. M. Denning.

Juniper Church asked to withdraw from the Association. It was agreed to grant their request.

3. On motion visiting brethren and sisters were invited to seats with us. The following were recognized and seated:

Mayo Association: Elder Carl Mabe, Lawsonville, N. C., Elder and Sister H. H. Washburn and daughter, Martinsville, Va., Sister M. G. Harrell, Wilson, N. C.

Fremont Primitive Baptist Church at Fremont, N. C.: Sister Iona Peacock, Sister Lizzie West.

Wilson Primitive Baptist Church, Wilson, N. C.: Sister Susan H. Reynolds, Sister Ellen Yeverton, Sister Susie Harper; Cleveland Church. Elder and Sister M. M. Denning, Cary, N. C., Sister Lydia Mangum, Sister Lee Coats, Smithfield, Sister Lois Adams, Rt. 3, Four Oaks, N. C.

Great Swamp Church, Greenville, N. C.: Sister Hattie Cozart, Sister Bob Allen, Sister Henry T. Brown.

Memorial Baptist Church, Williamston, N. C.:Sister H. Jack Hardison Sister W. T. Ross.

First Christian Church, Williamston, N. C.: Sister Minnie Roberson.

Maple Grove Christian Church, Williamston, N. C.:

4. On motion visitors to Association:

Mayo: Elder S. B. Denny, Elder P. E. Getsinger, Brethren W. E. Hooks, Willie Revels, and Verlin Griffin.

5. On motion, the next session of the Association is to convene at Wilson Primitive Baptist Church at Wilson, N. C., in Wilson Co., fourth Sunday and Saturday before in October, 1955.

Union Meetings: Rose Bay, in January; Fremont in May; no Union in July; Smithwick's Creek, in October, 1955.

6. On motion, Moderator appointed a preaching committee: Brethren I. G. Davis, W. A. Manning, Henry Brown.

7. On motion, the Moderator appoint a finance committee: Elder M. M. Denning, Brethren John F. Batts, and Asa J. Hardison.

8. 500 copies of these Minutes to be printed.

9. Agreed to meet Sunday a. m., at 10 o'clock.

10. Conference then adjourned with prayer by Elder S. B. Denny.

SUNDAY MORNING:

Services were opened with song and prayer by Elder M. M. Denning. First to preach was Elder Carl Mabe, text Matt. 10:31. Second to preach was Elder H. H. Washburn. He read some scripture in Matthew 10, but preached mostly from the book of Ruth. Elder S. B. Denny followed him, text Isa. 40: "Comfort ye My people, saith your God."

The Association then closed with prayer by Elder J. B. Lee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

Received from churches	$ 70,00
Received from friends	124.70
From last year's balance	3.50
Total	$198.20

Disbursements

Gave Visiting Ministers	$70.00
Gave home Ministers	65.00
For printing minutes	32.00
For mailing minutes	1.50
Balance on hand	29.70
Total	$198.20

It is the desire of this body to express its sincere thanks to our merciful heavenly Father for favoring us with His spiritual blessing and good weather through this meeting, and to express our sincere appreciation to the people of the Smithwicks Creek Community during the sitting of this session of our Association, and may the household of faith abound in love and sweet fellowship.

ELDER P. E. GETSINGER, Moderator

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TIME OF MEETINGS

The churches, pastors, and time of meeting are as follows:

Fremont, Fremont, N. C.—Elder S. B. Denny. Third Sunday each month and Saturday. Services quarterly, March, June September, December. Yearly meeting in September.

Great Swamp, Greenville, N. C.—Elder S. B. Denny. Time of meeting, first Sunday in each month; Saturday. Services quarterly, March, June, September, December. Yearly meeting in September.

Smithwick's Creek, near Williamston, N. C.—Elder P. E. Getsinger. Time of meeting, fourth Saturday and Sunday before of each month. Yearly meeting in August.

Wilson, Wilson, N. C.—Elder S. B. Denny. Second Saturday and Sunday of each month. Yearly meeting in August.

Rose Bay, near Swanquarter, N. C. —Elder H. H. Washburn & Elder W. L. Johnson, joint pastors. Second Sunday of each month. Yearly meeting in August.

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CONSTITUTION

We, the subscribing Primitive Baptist Churches of Eastern North Carolina, who have been regularly baptised on a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and who have become convinced of the necessity of a frequent combination of Churches; and in order to discharge the duty of watching over each other as Christ has commanded; do hereby propose to observe and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan and form of government.

1. Our Association, when it has convened shall be governed by regular and proper Rules of Decorum, and every member Church shall subscribe without exception to the Constitution and to the Primitive Baptist Articles of Faith. 1st Cor. 14:40; Rom. 1:16-17.

2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the Primitive Baptist Association, providing for themselves a Moderator and Clerk, who shall serve them during the session: using the pastor of the church where said Association assembles, if he is present, and a member of this Association, if not present, the power to appoint a Moderator shall be in the delegates of the church entertaining the Association.

3. Each and every Church in our Association shall be entitled to representation, but no Church shall have a right to more than three messengers to the Association until she shall exceed one hundred members, and then she shall have a right to an additional messenger for every fifty after the first hundred. Rom. 12:10.

4. These messengers shall be entitled to seats in our Association after producing letters certifying their qualified appointment. Nahum 2:1

5. The members of our Association thus convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the Church, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any Church in the Association; for these rules are

intended solely for preserving order in the House of God and for governing the members of this Association while assembled in the Conference. 1st Peter 5:3-5.

6. The Conference shall be composed of the members of our Association, together with any members of sister Primitive Baptist Churches, Association, and Unions that are present in fellowship and have liberty to seats with us. Hassell's History, page 696.

7. A new Church desiring to be admitted to our Association may do so by making application with letter and messengers; and if she be found upon examination to have been constituted by an orthodox Presbytery and to merit the fellowship of orderly sister churches, she shall be received into the Association, which shall be made manifest by the Moderator extending to her messengers the right hand of fellowship. 1st John 1:3.

8. Likewise, it shall be a privilege of our Association to admit as assistants any orderly Primitive Baptist minister who may be present. 1st Tim. 6:1-2.

9. The members of our Association, after having been properly delegated and convened, shall compose and be denominated, The Primitive Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina.

10. The names of the several members of our Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and shall be called over distinctly as often as may be required, a significant mark being placed by the names of all those absent. Hassell's History, page 696-701.

11. A faithful record of all transactions of our Association shall be kept by the Clerk, who shall be compensated for his services, and before the Meeting adjourns, this record shall be read distinctly and corrected, if need be, and shall be signed by the Moderator and the Clerk. Hassell's History, page 697.

12. Our Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches with minutes of the Annual Conference meetings, which the Lord willing, will be held 4th Sunday and Saturday before in October of each year.

13. It shall be the duty of each Church in our Association to contribute once a year voluntarily such sums as she shall think proper for defraying the expenses of the Association, and these sums shall be brought by the hands of the respective messengers and deposited into the hands of the Clerk of the Association who shall be held accountable for all moneys received by him and shall disburse the same according to the direction of Association. Col. 4:1.

14. A door shall be opened, when thought necessary, for the admission of new members into fellowship, subject to the approval of their home Church, but none shall be admitted except by the unanimous consent, and who shall first relate verbally his experience, or give an account of the work of God on his soul; and, secondly, if the Church requires it, shall state his faith and principles; and, thirdly, the Church shall make diligent inquiry respecting his moral conduct, and when full satisfaction has been obtained, the Moderator, Pastor, or Deacons shall manifest the same by giving him the right hand of fellowship, thereby receiving him in regular form. Hassell's History, page 696.

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16. Our Association shall inquire into the cause why any member Church has failed at any time to keep the communion with her sister Churches or to represent herself in the Association, and shall make

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18. The Constitution, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum shall be amended whenever a majority of our Association may deem it necessary. Hassell's History, page 697.

19. Our Association shall adjourn at any time to meet at future time or place which may be most convenient to the various Churches represented.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Preamble. For as much as God hath been graciously pleased to make known unto us His revealed will, His word of truth, the great privilege of the blessed Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and hath made us experience His love and favor in that He hath called us from our state of nature in which state we were enemies to God by wicked works, and hath revealed to us through Christ the hope of glory; Therefore, for the better carrying out of our mutual comfort the advancement of the great privilege of true religion to the glory of God, and the praise of His glorious grace; we whose names are hereunto subscribed do make and publish the following profession of faith:

1. We believe in the Being of God, as almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power justice, holiness, goodness, mercy, and truth and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the characters of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19; St. John 1:1.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the church of men by His Divine Spirit, which we believe to be of divine authority, and containing all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women; the same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments. John 5:39; 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

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5. We believe that it is utterly out of power of men as fallen creatures to keep the law of God perfectly, repent of their sins truly, or believe in Christ, except they be drawn in faith by the Holy Spirit. John 6:44; Eph. 2:8,9,10.

6. We believe that in God's appointed time and way, by the effectual working of His Holy Spirit, and the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, the elect shall be called, converted, justified, pardoned, sanctified and born again; and that it is impossible they can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the overtures of mercy and shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away. Rom. 6:14, 23, 24. Rom. 5:11.

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